## Chick Chats

Someone has said that a good poultryman should raise 90% of the chicks that he starts.

To do this, the poultry farmer must have good chicks in the beginning. In planning the buying of chicks for this year, keep in mind that there are no "bargains" in baby chicks. Whether you want a laying type or meat type; or a combination of both, choose the best stock available.

Talk such matters over with the hatcheryman before the order is placed for the chicks. Ask him about the ancestry of the chicks that he sells. Demand and get good breeding in the chicks that you buy. Good breeding stands out in any competition. Good chicks mature faster, grow better, and have higher livability than poor quality birds. This investment in good quality chicks adds up to meat and egg profits with a minimum of feed costs. After all, a poor chicks eats as much feed as the good one, and doesn't produce anything to show for it.

Low quality chicks may be low in cost and may seem like a bargain but they fail to produce the meat and eggs that they should when they mature. Inferior breeds are often more susceptible to poultry disease and have a high rate of mortality than well-bred chicks from a high-quality strain.

The farmer who is raising chickens takes the first step in becoming a successful poultryman when he buys quality chicks for the farm flock. At chick-buying time, the ground work for raising birds that grow faster, produce more eggs, and yield better profits is laid.

This is also a good time to talk with the hatcheryman about poultry supplies that will be needed this year. Ask him about new medications, new types of feed, recent research work by feed companies, state colleges, and commercial firms. All of these people are continually working to make poultry raising easier and more profitable for you.

West Virginia to represent Southern Conference in basketball tournament.

Big league baseball teams now in spring training.

Dial 2811 with Personals.

## CHRYSLER SWEEPS SPEED WEEK

**Repeater-Champion Tim Flock, of Atlanta, Ga., wheels his Chrysler 300B past the checkered flag in heavy rain to win the Grand National Stock Race at Daytona Beach. The first place gave Chrysler a clean sweep of NASCAR Speed Week events. Earlier, Flock won the National Speed Trial Championship with an average speed of 139.373 mph, and took pole position in the race-qualifying heat. Vicki Wood, Detroit mother of three, drove the 300B to the Women's National Speed Trial Championship. This was the second consecutive year in which Chryslers swept Speed Week events. The 300's were sponsored by Kiekhaefer outboards of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.**

## Homemakers Items

To prevent mattresses from picking up rust marks from the springs, give the springs a coat of paint when the original paint shows signs of wearing thin.

Dust hangs downward, so when you celan walls, brush in an upward motion to prevent smearing and streaking.

Immediately after polishing a brass or metal door knocker, wax to keep it looking bright longer. Better still, brush on a coat of clear lacquer.

Many people today are taking first-aid courses, but are forgetting to take stock of their home safety measures.

The Virginia Rural Safety Council says to check your medicine chest and throw away old, stale, or out-dated medicines. Clearly label each jar, bottle, and box. If your medicine chest isn't in a handy location, fix up a first-aid kit to keep close at hand.

A good first-aid kit
expensive or differe
unit-type kit, like a
serves the purpose.
Cross first-aid book
for necessary articles
ed in the kit.

Be sure to include
and cotton, rolls of
good antiseptic, steril
and a treatment for
kit.

Keep first-aid kits
barn and farm shop,
and other pieces of
ment, and in the car.

**Tough Situation**

A man went to a p
plaining of prolonged
The doctor told him t
ing.

"I have never used
any form."

"Well, then, stop dr
"I am a total abstai
"Late hours, then, a
men."

"I am always in bed
I am a bachelor and
old maiden aunt. No
what caused my head
"I don't know," said
doctor. "I guess your
ing."


# You Have a Date Friday Night, March 6

## Volunteer Workers Will Make a

## County-wide Canvass For The Annual

## AMERICAN RED CROSS ROLL CALL

## Your Red Cross Needs You!

*(This Space Contributed by The Times-Virginian)*




## A.H.S. Newscast

By Peggy Wooten

here!

e a bit of excitement is seen
halls of A. H. S. The annual
Show, sponsored by the Ath
tertainment, is to be held on
14. This show is made up of
school talent. There will be
singing, band music and
of all. Miss Appomattox High
of 1956 will be crowned.
contestants elected four girls to
the semi-finals. One girl
each grade will be elected to
the finals. They will be elect-
a penny vote.

Commercial Comments, our
paper, went out this week.
staff has asked that if we have
to put in the paper, that
in up and place it in the
. This is very important
want your news to appear in
paper.

Seniors are still selling Prom
s. Those of you who have not
any should try some, they're
! The Seniors are sponsor-
bake sale every Saturday in
ppomattox Hardware. So please
our pastries from them.

Seniors have chosen their
to be entitled "Me and My
." The cast has not yet been
. This will be announced

State S. C. A. Convention
held at Longwood College
ear on March 16 and 17. The
elected officers, Janice Mc-
, Anne Abbitt, and Jack
ell will make up the A. H. S.
ation. The A. H. S. delegation
ad one of the discussion
s, entitled, "How can the stu-
council involve the sudent body
projects?"

Installation of Beta Club
members was held Tuesday. Buckingham Central High School had charge of the installation service.

See you next week.

Peggy.

## Colored Dots

Plans have been completed for the annual Woman's Day program to be held at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church the third Sunday evening this month at 3:30. The program will be sponsored by the Willing Workers Club of the church.

The second annual union service will be held this coming Palm Sunday at the Promise Land Baptist Church. Members from the Galilee and Mount Shiloh churches will worship with the Promise Land church. A mixed choir from the three churches will furnish the music. The pastor of the three churches will deliver the sermon. The public is invited to attend this union service.

Impressive services were held at Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor delivered a special sermon from the subject; The right way. Music was furnished by the church choir. The offering for the day was very good. A special offering was lifted by Miss Gracie Branch.

We are very sorry to hear that the St. Paul Baptist church was completely destroyed by fire last Sunday evening. It was partly covered by insurance.

A large crowd attended funeral services for the late Mrs. Eva Scruggs last Thursday, conducted from the Promise Land Baptist Church. The deceased had been a faithful member of the church since 1938, when she removed her membership from Canaan Baptist Church. She was a faithful member of the church until death. She leaves the following: two daughters, Mrs. Sallie Fleshman and Mrs. Dora Petty, of Appomattox; three sons, John Scruggs, of Appomattox; Paul Scruggs, of Boston, Mass.; and Silas Scruggs, of Baltimore, Md.; two brothers, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Burial was in the family cemetery on the Scruggs farm in Vera. The pastor of the church officiated.

Funeral services were conducted from the Jordan Baptist Church last Monday at 1:00 o'clock for the late Mrs. Alberta Abbitt Ray, who died at her home last Saturday evening. The pastor of the church, Rev. H. G. Hendricks, officiated.

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Clara Jones, wife of Mr. Thomas Jones were conducted from the Jordan Baptist Church Wednesday at 1:00 P. M. The pastor of the church, Rev. H. G. Hendricks, officiated.

Deacon A. W. Robinson is improving at his home. All his children visited him Sunday. His neice from Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Alpha Benson also came to see him.

Mrs. Annie Lawing Fleshman left Sunday with her husband for Norfolk after spending a month visiting her parents here.

William B. Turner, of the United States Air Force spent the weekend here as the guest of his parents, deacon and Mrs. Bernet Turner, of Spout Spring.

Preaching services were well attended at St. Luke Baptist Church Sunday. Rev. J. A. Shelton, pastor, was present. Rev. N. R. Cousins, a visiting minister from Lynchburg, preached. The music by the choir was enjoyed. The rally was a success.

Mrs. Louise Canada made a rushed trip to Baltimore, Md., to attend the funeral of her brother, Rev. A. H. Elliott's wife, Irene Elliott. Another sister, also attended, from Oakland, Pa., Mrs. Beulah Jones. While in Baltimore, Mrs. Canada was supper guest in the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Nance and their daughter, Andrewnette Nance. Little Miss Nance is taking music and voice.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tweedy were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Canada.

Mrs. Chas. H. Canada and grandchildren, Remona and Alfred visited her mother Sunday P. M.

Mrs. B. M. Elliott is better at this writing.

Mr. Chas. H. Canada was notified of the stroke of his aunt, Mollie Pannell suffered Friday last.

The St. Luke choir will appear on the program of the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church the 4th Sunday in March at 7:30 P. M.


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# FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

**Weed Control Demonstrations**

The preparation of new plant beds and elimination of weeds is a big problem in every tobacco area. To help farmers meet this problem, several demonstrations have been set up in the different sections of the county in order that farmers nearby will have an opportunity to observe the plant bed during the growing season. Several new materials are being used which include adequate chemicals known as Vapan 4-S, liquid Cyanamid, Niagara Bed Drench and Shell AA.

The Niagara Bed Drench and Shell AA are put on at the rate of one-eighth of a pint per square yard. Vapam 4-S and liquid cyanamid, at the rate of one-fourth pint per square yard. It is necessary that the temperature of the soil be above 50 degrees when application is made.

Seeding of the beds may take place three to seven days following the treatment. Weather conditions will be the determining factor. For example, cold rainy weather would prolong the seeding whereas warm weather would make it possible to seed at an earlier date.

These are all new materials and will not be recommended for general use this year. Dowfume MC-2 has been applied to four beds. This material is used under a plastic cloth and is a gas. Considerable work has been done in other areas and has given excellent results. The cost for the material runs between $7.75 and $8.50.

Farmers interested in visiting the plant beds would see the use of Niagara Bed Drench, Shell AA, liquid Cyanamid and MC-2 at H. J. Covington's. M. A. Trent, near Red House is using MC-2, Vapam 4-S, and Shell AA. R. T. Megginson at Oakville has 100 yards treated with Shell AA. Claude Martin at Beckham is using MC-2, Vapam 4-S and Shell AA. T. H. Tanner, of Stonewall is using Vapam 4-S, Shell AA, and MC-2. In each case, a portion of the beds will be mulched at seeding time to determine whether or not mulching has any effect on the growth and condition of soil.

**Control of Spittlebugs**

In last week's news article giving recommendation for the control of spittlebugs, an error was made. It was recommended in that news article to use heptachlor as a control. This should have read to use methoxychlor at the rate of one pound per acre in 20 gallons of water under 40 pounds of pressure. This is also recommended for the potato leaf hopper.

**Good Breeding Increases Production**

Investigations have been conducted in Virginia to determine the effect of artificial breeding on cows in 46 herds. In 23 of the herds where the cows were sired by locally or by individually owned bulls, there was no significant gain in butterfat production over a six year period, whereas, in the other 23 herds that were using artificial breeding, in from 19% to 100% of the cows there was an average increase of 5.4 pounds of btuterfat per year.

**Age Poultry Before Freezing**

Experiments conducted by workers in California have found that the palatability of poultry meat is increased when it is allowed to age prior to freezing. They found that poultry should be aged a minimum of ten hours and 20 to 24 hours was better. The significant phase of this research showed that it could be aged either before freezing or after freezing, but that most housewives preferred it being aged prior to freezing since at the time of cooking there was little time for the aging to take place.

Complaints have arisen regarding the use of frozen chickens in that they were tough when cooked. It was found that toughness does occur where aging is not carried out.

**Farm Accounting**

Farm accounting is a matter of habit. Since farmers are now under social scurity as well as paying income tax, it is important that farm receipts and expendiures are recorded.

For every one hundred dollars forgotten or not recorded, you overpay your income tax by a minimum of twenty dollars. Therefore, to avoid overpayment, it is important that some systematic method be developed for maintaining adequate farm records. On many farms, the housewife acts as the accountant.

To help you make record keeping a part of your daily routine in 1956, there are available in the county agent's office, at no charge, farm record books.

When a man's pushing 50, that's exercise enough. —The Gosport, Pensacola, Fla.

**8TH. ANNUAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CONFERENCE AT WILLIAMSBURG**

The 8th annual Virginia Public Relations Conference will take place Thursday and Friday, March 15-16, at Williamsburg.

Theme of the conference will be public relations' role as an effective management tool.

Speaker at the opening session at noon on Thursday will be Keen Johnson, vice-president of Reynolds Metal Company.

Following the luncheon, will be a panel discussion with J. Malcolm Bridges, executive manager of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, as moderator.

**HONESTY REPAID**

Beaver Dam, Ky.- Filling station operator Jimmy Peters recently received a dime in the mail from a woman tourist who explained she had forgotten to pay for two soft drinks. Peters mailed the dime back to her, explaining he knew she had forgotten to pay for them and that he had added the 10 cents to the gas bill.


**SPECIAL FLASH:**

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